

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Applicant	: Robert W. Warren, Jr.	Confirmation No: 5517
Appln. No.	: 10/767,505	Group Art Unit: 2181
Filed	: January 28, 2004	Examiner: Martinez, David E.
Title	: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GENERIC DATA TRANSFER INTERFACE	Docket No. STL11661/390-009-USP

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Attorneys for Applicant hereby submit this Response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2007. This Response is believed to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2007. Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. The Examiner required restriction of the claims to Invention I (claims 1-6 and 23) drawn to a host interface, or Invention II (claims 7-22, 24, and 25) drawn to a media controller and a data storage device. Applicant hereby elects Invention II, including claims 7-22, 24, and 25, with traverse.

In the Election/Restriction requirement, the Office alleges that Invention I and Invention II are related as combination and subcombination. Specifically, the Office contends that "In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the claims are not directed to a host interface using a virtual channel controller used to establish a connection." Applicant, however, respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1, which the Office has included in Invention I (the subcombination), is directed to a host interface using a virtual channel controller used to establish a connection. Claim 15,

which the Office has included in Invention II (the combination), is directed to a data storage device and recites, *inter alia*, "a host interface" and a "media controller" that includes "a virtual channel controller... that establishes a connection for address-less transfer between the indicated virtual channel of the host interface and a corresponding virtual channel of the media controller." Thus, the combination is directed to a data storage device that includes a host interface that uses a virtual channel controller to establish a connection. Applicant asserts that the Office's position that "the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because the claims are not directed to a host interface using a virtual channel controller to establish a connection" is incorrect. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits Invention I and Invention II are not distinct and that this restriction requirement is improper.

Applicant believes that this Response is fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 15, 2007, and that no fees or petitions are due with this filing. However, should any such fees or petitions be required, please consider this a request therefore and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 as necessary.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or believes that prosecution of the application may be expedited via a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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